

Stafford Township

MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

2017



The Bridge to Nowhere – Manahawkin Wildlife Management Area. Photo Credit: Anthony Tucci

Dear Resident,

Much needs to be said about the citizens in Stafford, they continue to prove their strength and resiliency, we have made great strides recovering from Superstorm Sandy and we continue to rebuild our Community with an eye for the future. We have also been successful challenging some of the new FEMA maps and anticipate the new Base Flood Elevation maps will be out this coming year, these new maps will help those residents who own homes in the impacted areas.

This year the Stafford Township new Bay Avenue Community Center will be completed, along with the adjacent Pine Street Community facility. These two buildings will allow us to continue to support our numerous clubs and groups within Stafford and expand our services to our community. The documented demands for these facilities are a strong indicator of the involvement of our citizens and their various organizations.

Our responsibilities toward each and every resident include maintaining stable Municipal taxes while continuously improving the quality of life for everyone. As our senior population continues to grow, we need to address the demands for specialized programs and services. Our senior population is a vibrant and active segment of Stafford Township, they bring with them experience and knowledge as well as a willingness to volunteer.

The public demand to have these facilities and expand our current services remains a challenge that will be met with the new facilities once they are completed. Our dedicated staff within our Recreation Department understands the needs of our residents and continues to offer new programs and services. As your elected officials we are responsible to listen and work toward meeting those needs.

We remain committed to changing the way our government does business. It is time for government to look at all the options available and to focus on new and innovative ways to address issues, rather than simply throwing money at the problem. It is more important than ever for government to be responsible to the people, think outside the box, and be ever mindful that we are keepers of a sacred trust, the welfare of our citizens.

Stafford Township has so much to offer from our numerous parks and recreation opportunities, to shopping, and quality school systems. Our geographic location in close proximity to Long Beach Island, Barnegat Bay, Philadelphia, Atlantic City and New York assure our residents quick access to a variety of metropolitan areas while living in a quiet suburban atmosphere.

This year we will also be working on a review and update of the Long Range Master Plan. Every ten years we are tasked with updating the planning for Stafford. A review of the current zoning, recreation plan, environmental plan and all aspects of how we would like to see the town move into the future will be studied and reviewed. We will also be taking this opportunity to address many of the existing ordinances which we feel need revision.

Currently, Stafford has been able to preserve over 70% of its total land mass as open space; this open space serves our citizens in many ways acting as a giant recharge area filtering our rainfall prior to allowing it to absorb back into our critical aquifer which supplies our Community with all of its potable water supply. In addition, this open land mass cleans our air, provides habitat for wildlife and limits the total development of our Town. Controlling development

is just one way of keeping taxes stable, and maintaining a high quality of life for our residents. We remain focused on addressing some of the tough storm water issues throughout the community that need engineering solutions. The flooding on the streets in Mallard Island has now been addressed, we are moving toward correcting the flooding around the Neptune Basin. These projects have been difficult to solve, however we remain committed to finding solutions.

It has been said that adversity does not mold character it reveals it and these past few years has revealed the true character of Stafford Township, and it is one of generosity, caring and pride.

N.J. Monthly Magazine recently published an article regarding the “2015 Top 100 Towns List”. The article ranked Stafford Township 136th out of the 510 Municipalities studied in the State (towns with a population of less than 1,500 were dropped from the study). According to this study Stafford also ranked as the 6th best place to live in Ocean County. In addition, Stafford Township property tax change from 2012 to 2014 was a reduction of 3.7% on the average home (this is the greatest reduction in residential property taxes in Ocean County). According to their study, of the 5 Communities in Ocean County ranked above Stafford only one Town had a lower 2014 average property tax (Pine Beach annual residential taxes were \$18.00 lower than Stafford). This study does not take into account the additional reduction in our 2015 Municipal tax rate.

Stable taxes, outstanding recreational opportunities, a business friendly community, excellent services, a healthy environment all equal a superior quality of life and a community of pride. Our geographic location in close proximity to Long Beach Island, Barnegat Bay, Philadelphia, Atlantic City and New York assure our residents quick access to a variety of metropolitan areas while living in a quiet suburban atmosphere.

We remain proud of our first responders; our Police, fire and EMS continue to prove their excellence, dedication and commitment toward keeping Stafford safe while serving our community with compassion. They are true heroes who put their lives on the line every day. Stafford is a community of volunteers who are always willing to give up their time to serve our Township. I believe these volunteers are the heartbeat of our community, they are there willing to help every day and whenever people are in need. In addition to our first responders numerous citizens also volunteer their time in so many ways, including coaching our various teams, working at the hospital, and serving on our various boards are the heartbeat of Stafford, and we thank all of them.

Stafford Township is a unique and special place to live with a strong sense of community and great pride in who we are. It is that pride, and our appreciation of the richness of our history that enables us to face an exciting future full of opportunities and challenges. I look forward to continue working with you the people of Stafford Township so that together we can meet these challenges and overcome all obstacles to an even brighter future.

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Mayor John Spodofora

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY
597-1000
260 EAST BAY AVENUE
MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050
TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Administrator
Animal Control
Bay Ave. Community Center
Building Sub Code Official
Chief Financial Officer
Construction Official
Court Administrator
Deputy Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer
Director of Community Development
Electrical Sub Code Official
Emergency Management Coordinator
Fire Prevention Official
Fire Sub Code Official
Jennings Road Recreation Building
Mayor's Secretary
Administrator's Secretary
Ocean Acres Community Center
Planning Board
Plumbing Sub Code Official
Police Department
Public Works Superintendent
Public Works Assistant
Superintendent/Recycling Coordinator
Public Works
Purchasing Agent
Recreation Director
Recreation
Registrar
Water/Sewer Department
Tax Assessor
Tax Collector
Township Clerk
Zoning Board Secretary

James A. Moran 597-1000 Ext. 8559
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Linda Martin 597-1000 Ext. 8526
597-1000 Ext. 8559
James Mancini 597-1000 Ext. 8546
Margaret Favorito 597-1000 Ext. 8551
Kim Hodsdon 597-1000 Ext. 8512
597-1000 Ext. 8564

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

John Spodofora, MayorExt. 8568
Stephen Fessler, Councilperson.....Ext. 8621
Steve Jeffries, CouncilpersonExt. 8628
Paul Marchal, CouncilpersonExt. 8629
Sharon McKenna, CouncilpersonExt. 8619
Colonel Alan Smith, USMC (retired), Councilperson.....Ext. 8630
Dave Taylor, Councilperson.....Ext. 8631

Township Meetings Televised on Channel 22

All meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM in the Township Council Meeting Room, 260 East Bay Avenue. The schedule is subject to change and any change will be advertised according to law.

The Township meetings can also be viewed on the township website at www.twp.stafford.nj.us the day following the meeting.



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The Old Stone Store - Manahawkin, NJ

as told by Patricia Reitmeier Taylor

My grandparents, Irving and Sadie Cook, were the last people to live in the Old Stone Store. It was originally a country store/grist mill. It had no electricity or indoor plumbing. The outside was made of fieldstone, and the inside walls were textured tin.

We entered the kitchen through the shed where the oak ice box was located. The "Iceman," Mr. Nevins, lived just down the street and would deliver ice for five or ten cents. In the winter there wasn't much need for ice because the shed was always pretty cold! The massive door opening to the kitchen was much too heavy for children to open - it was perfect for keeping the cold out and for keeping the kitchen warm.

The massive black cast iron wood-burning cook stove was always hot and Grandmom was usually there, preparing something delicious. She baked whole bluefish - seasoned with only slices of bacon and lemon, and salt & pepper. The fish, combined with her warm sour dough bread, was a meal to remember!

To the left of the entrance was a large tin sink with a hand pump. If you wanted a cold drink of water, you had to pump it yourself. It was the most refreshing cold water you could drink and naturally filtered by the sand around the property. It was just good, clean water without chemicals. There was always a pot of hot water on the stove which she used to wash dishes.

To the right were two chairs and a small table, all made by Grandpop. The table was covered with a piece of "oilcloth" in a red & white checked pattern. On the table was a glass "spooner" which held only clean spoons. The rest of the silverware and utensils were kept in a cabinet at the far end of the kitchen. The chairs were painted red and one of them eventually found its way into my mother's kitchen. (She refused to part with it, and used it every day in her own red & white kitchen until she became too ill to sit at the table.) Hanging above the table was a kerosene lantern. The three built-in cabinets in the back of the kitchen were previously used for storage when the building was a Country Store and Grist Mill.

The stairs to the upper rooms were located behind a heavy door, which was kept closed, to conserve the heat from the kitchen. There was a very large room in the front and one small bedroom in the back. My grandmother kept her Christmas Cactus and geraniums in the front window during the winter. Every September we helped move the flowers from outside, and in the Spring we would take them back down the stairs and outside for her. With natural sunlight and no heat during the winter months, her plants thrived. Some of us still have Christmas Cactus which originated from hers.

Upstairs was a very large bed covered with down quilts and pillows. My cousins and I would be nearly hidden when we slept in it. It easily accommodated four of us at a time.

It provided hours of fun as we jumped up and down on it. Our "landings" were always soft! It took us a long time to go to sleep, but we surely had a lot of fun! There was also a small bedroom in the back. The attic door, reached by ladder, was always closed. We didn't have any desire to venture up because Grandpop warned us about the bats that lived up there! The only time I saw anyone go into the attic was after my Grandmother died and it was being cleaned out.

In addition to the large kitchen, downstairs there was a small bedroom in the rear, a dining area, and the large living room in the front. On one side, by the large window, was my grandfather's Morris Chair with his beautiful ceramic spittoon next to it. His pipe rack and humidor sat on the window ledge.

The coal stove was located between the two rooms and a piano was on the left. We loved to "play" the piano, even though it had never been tuned! The floor was covered with linoleum and the walls were tin.

The double front doors opened to a porch which was rarely used. Old New York Highway was heavily traveled back then and we children were not allowed near it. However, across the street was a farm owned by Jerry Paul. He had cows and sheep. There were stone bridges on each side of the road. After we became bored on one bridge, we would cross the road to reach the other bridge so we could watch the animals graze. A stream ran under the bridges and the water was so clean and cool that we were tempted to jump down and wade. However, Grandpop was always warning us not to do that because of the "quick sand." He claimed that one of Mr. Paul's cows got stuck in the quick sand and they never got it out. Of course we believed him and were content to just watch from the bridge.

Surrounding the Old Stone Store were hundreds of flowers and trees. There was an entire field of lilies of the valley on the north side of the building. The shade from the fieldstone and numerous trees provided the perfect growing conditions. Rose of Sharon trees and lilacs surrounded the property. There were always wildflowers, tea berries, blackberries and wild blueberries to enjoy. Visiting the Old Stone Store as a child was better than going to an amusement park.



Patricia Reitmeier Taylor
August 1, 2016

2017

Stafford Township Historical Society, Inc. Membership Application

Name

Address

Phone #

Email

☐ Individual - \$15 ☐ Family(2) - \$25 ☐ Student - \$5 ☐ Scholarship Fund - \$5 (Optional)

Please make checks payable to Stafford Township Historical Society, Inc.

Stafford Township Historical Society, Inc.

P.O. Box 1097 • Manahawkin, NJ 08050 • 609.597.5947

2017 Special Events



In addition to functioning as the Stafford Township Historical Society Cultural Center, the Old Manahawkin Baptist Church is once again available for weddings, funerals, memorial services and similar functions. For more information contact Caroline Scales at 609-597-8724.

The Stafford Township Historical Society collects, preserves, and interprets Stafford Township's history and culture for the widest possible audience. The Society promotes the study and appreciation of local, state, and national history through educational programs, a museum, special events, and cultural activities. Working closely with the township government and the Stafford school system, the Stafford Township Historical Society preserves and passes on knowledge of local heritage for future generations. The Society is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.



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Founders Day

June 10th • 11am - 4 pm

Senior Breakfast - 8:30am at Firehouse

Parade Begins at 10am

Carnival rides, craft and food vendors

Fireworks show at dusk

All at Doc Cramer Sports Complex.

Free Summer Concerts



JOIN US!!

At the Manahawkin Lake Pavilion.

Summer concerts will be held Monday evenings at 7PM in July and August. Look on our website for information on the performers and the dates as we develop the schedule.

Veterans Day

November 11th • 10:30 a.m.

Old Baptist Church - Bell tolling at 11am

One mile walking tour of historic sites

234th Anniversary of the Skirmish at Cedar Bridge

December 26th • 2 p.m.

Tour the Cedar Bridge Tavern and enjoy the reenactment. Visit the Stafford Township Historical Society website for directions to the tavern.

Stafford Township Walking Tour

The Stafford Township walking tour is the result of collaboration between the Stafford Township Historic Commission, the Stafford Township Historical Society, the Stafford Township Schools, and installed by Eagle Scouts. Begun in 2005, the signs are installed at the location of existing or former significant historical sites in Stafford Township primarily along the route of the annual walking tour conducted for the Stafford Township fifth grade by the Stafford Township Historical Society. Copies of the signs are also located on the walls of the Stafford Township Municipal Building, the Stafford Township Museum and the where practical on the interior of the current occupants of the historic sites.

Stafford Township Historical Society is a qualified organization of the New Jersey Cultural Trust.

Visit Us: www.staffordhistory.org

For additional township information & updates, please visit www.staffordnj.gov

Recreation Department
Betti Anne McVey, Director - 597-1000, ext. 8557
Jason Hazelton – Supervisor of Children’s Programming 597-1000, ext. 8578
Jennifer McBrien – Supervisor of Senior Programming 597-1000, ext. 8573
Deborah Budesá – Administrative Assistant 489-0913

From pre-school cooking classes to senior softball, the Stafford Recreation Department has something to enhance the way all residents can spend their leisure time. Our highly dedicated staff and countless volunteers work together to create recreational opportunities for growth and enrichment throughout Stafford Township.

The Recreation Department offers children’s arts/crafts classes and ‘kids-in-the-kitchen’ classes in the fall, winter and early spring. We have an extremely successful summer recreation program run out of the Ocean Acres Community Center. Between day camp, trip camp and the numerous specialty camps offered, you will surely find something for your child to enjoy during the summer.

The Recreation Department sponsors several special events throughout the year:

Spring Spectacular – Stafford Township Municipal Building – April 9th

Founders Day Celebration – June 10

Parade – Downtown

Founders Day Fireworks – Doc Cramer Ball Fields

Miss Stafford Pageant – Doc Cramer Ball Fields

Little Town Crier and Little Miss Stafford Pageant – Doc Cramer Ball Fields

Summer Recreation Program – Ocean Acres Community Center

Town-Wide Yard Sale- September 9-10

See registration form under Town Clerk

Fall Harvest and Wine Festival – Manahawkin Lake Park – October 14-15

Holiday Tree Lighting and Wonderland – Bay Avenue Community Center – December 1 at 5pm

In addition to the groups and organizations that will meet at the Bay Avenue Community Center, we will be offering special programming and events through the Recreation Department and we are happy to announce will be partnering up with Stockton Center for Successful Aging. Please call the Recreation office at **597-1000, ext. 8573** or visit us at **www.stafford.nj.us** for a calendar of events.

The following groups and organizations currently meet at the
Pine Street Recreation Building, 25 Pine Street

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The following groups and organizations currently meet at the
Bay Avenue Community located at 775 East Bay Avenue

AARP – 3rd Friday of the month 1:00 pm

AMERGAEI – 3rd Wednesday of the month 5:30 pm

BEACH HAVEN WEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION – 3rd Friday of the month 7:00 pm

BEGINNER ACRYLIC PAINTING - Every Monday 10:00-12:00 pm

CHAIR YOGA – Every Monday – 2:00-3:00 pm

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY – 1st and 2nd Fridays of the month 6:30pm

COLONY LAKES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION – 1st Thursday of the month 7:00 pm

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF STAFFORD TOWNSHIP – 2nd Monday of the month

DUPLICATE BRIDGE – Every Monday 6:30 pm and every Thursday 12:30 pm

FITNESS AND EXERCISE CLASS – Every Tuesday and Friday 8:30

LBI/MAINLAND WOMEN’S CLUB – 3rd Wednesday of the month 12:00 pm

MANAHAWKIN DRUM CIRCLE – call for days and times

NEEDLE WORKS – Every Monday 10:00-12:00 pm

QUILTERS GUILD – 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 12:00 pm, 3rd Wednesday 12:30 and 4th Thursday 6:30 pm

SENIOR SQUARES SOCIAL CLUB – Every Wednesday 9:30 – 12:00 pm

STAFFORD OLD GUARD – Every Thursday 8:00 am

STAFFORD GARDEN CLUB – 2nd Wednesday of the month 1:00 pm

STAFFORD REPUBLICAN CLUB – 2nd Monday of the Month 7pm

SOCH AUXILIARY – 2nd Tuesday of the month 11:30 am

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 2nd Friday of the month 10 am

TAI CHI – Every Tuesday 9:45 am

VILLAGE HARBOR CIVIC ASSOCIATION – 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:00 pm

VILLAGE HARBOR FISHING CLUB – 1st and 2nd Fridays of the month

The following groups and organizations are currently meeting at the Ocean Acres Community Center, 489 Nautilus Drive, Ocean Acres

IRISH SET DANCING 7pm Monday (no summer meetings)

NAUTICAL KNITTERS 10:15am Wednesdays

OCEAN ACRES CIVIC ASSOCIATION 7pm 2nd Tuesday of the month (no meeting July or August)

OLD BARNEY RADIO CLUB 7pm 1st Tuesday of the month

GIRL SCOUTS OF OCEAN COUNTY various days and times

BOY SCOUTS OF OCEAN COUNTY various days and times

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS various days and times

There are several parks, a bay beach and the Doc Cramer Sports Complex located in Stafford Township are maintained by the Stafford Township Buildings and Grounds Department

Beach Avenue Park – Beach Avenue – Downtown Manahawkin: playground equipment

Lighthouse Park – Lighthouse Drive – Ocean Acres: playground equipment, roller hockey court, walking and bike path

Manahawkin Lake Park – Route 9 and North Lakeshore Drive – Downtown Manahawkin – playground equipment, picnic tables, walking and bike path, restrooms

Mill Creek Park – Mill Creek Road – Beach Haven West: playground equipment, tennis, basketball, walking and bike path, fishing pier, community garden

Nautilus Park – Nautilus Drive – Ocean Acres: playground equipment, walking and bike path, soccer and baseball field, basketball court

Newell Avenue Park – Newell Avenue – Colony Lakes: playground equipment

Ocean Acres Lake Park – Buccaneer Lane – Ocean Acres: playground equipment, picnic area with tables and grills, tennis and basketball courts, restrooms

Jennifer Lane Bay Beach – Jennifer Lane – Beach Haven West – during the summer months swimming beach is guarded from 10 am – 5pm

Doc Cramer Sports Complex – Off of Route 72

Athletic Association Contacts

American Youth Football

www.southernramsayf.org

American Youth Cheerleading

www.southernramsayf.org

Basketball

www.eteamz.com/stafford-basketball

Field Hockey

489-0910

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978-2433

Stafford Sparklers

Boys Lacrosse

www.eteamz.com/staffordlax

Girls Lacrosse

597-0444

Little League

www.staffordlittleleague.org

Roller Hockey

www.staffordhockey.com

Softball

www.sgsa.baberuthonline.com

Soccer

www.staffordsoccer.net

Volleyball

www.staffordvolleyball.weebly.com

Wrestling Club

709-3863

www.staffordwrestlingclub.com

Trips

The Recreation Department runs several trips during the year for area residents. You can check township website at www.twp.stafford.nj.us for updated trip info such as date, cost and departure times.

You can also call the Recreation Department any time at 609-489-0910.

NJ Register Ready

<https://www13.state.nj.us/SpecialNeeds>

“Register Ready – New Jersey’s Special Needs Registry for Disasters” allows New Jersey residents with disabilities or access and functional needs and their families, friends, caregivers and associates an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in a disaster or other emergency.

The information collected here is confidential and will not be available to the public. The information will be held securely and only used for emergency response and planning. For Registry Assistance, dial 211 (toll-free) and an operator will assist you in registering.

Alerts - Mobile / Text (SMS) & E-Mail:

NIXLE - Subscribe to the NJ State Police on Nixle Connect

New Jersey residents can register to receive messages by sending a text message with their zip code to 888777 (data rates may apply depending on your plan). Online registration is also available at **www.nixle.com**.

Links to County Offices of Emergency Management, websites, social media and alert systems: **<http://www.ready.nj.gov/about/association.html>**



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Garage and Yard Sale Information

It is unlawful for any person to conduct a garage or yard sale in the Township of Stafford without first filing with the Township Clerk. The fee for this license is \$5.00.

The license is issued to any one person only two times within a twelve-month period and no license will be issued for more than two consecutive calendar days. Charitable, religious and civic organizations may be allowed more than two licenses with the approval of the Township Council.

No more than four garage sales may be held at one location in the township during the course of any twelve-month period.

Each license shall state the name of the applicant and the location of the garage sale and must be prominently displayed on the premises where the garage sale is conducted throughout the entire period of the licensed sale.

All sales shall be conducted between the hours of 9:00am and 6:00pm.

Any signs posted advertising the sale must be removed within forty-eight hours after the completion of the sale. Advertisement signs can not be placed on utility poles.

For additional information, please contact the clerk's office at 597-1000 ext. 8510.

It's time to de-clutter with our **TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE** **Saturday and Sunday, September 9th and 10th, 2017**

To register, complete form below and mail to

Stafford Recreation, **260 East Bay Avenue, Manahawkin, NJ 08050**

or email ALL information from form to **dbudesa@staffordnj.gov**.

Additional forms are available at the Recreation Department and Township Clerk's office at Town Hall. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, August 23rd. **NO PERMIT IS NECESSARY TO JOIN THIS YARD SALE.**

Once registered, your address will appear on the Recreation page at

www.staffordnj.gov

NO TELEPHONE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

NAME/PHONE NUMBER _____
ADDRESS _____
SECTION OF TOWN (e.g. Ocean Acres, Waterfront Areas, Cedar Run, etc.) _____
CIRCLE DAYS OF YOUR SALE: SAT SUN
ITEMS FOR SALE _____

If you wish to sell your items from our central location at Manahawkin Lake Park, please call Debbie at 609-489-0913 to register. You must bring your own table and chairs.

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2017

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

TUESDAY APRIL 11

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

TUESDAY, MAY 9

TUESDAY, MAY 23

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

TUESDAY, JULY 18

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 @9AM

NOTE: All meetings begin at 7:00 PM unless otherwise stated.

KEEP IN MIND - SPECIAL MEETINGS CAN BE REQUESTED BY THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON OUR TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

If you have internet access, the Stafford Township web site found at www.twp.stafford.nj.us is an excellent source of information for you. Currently, the web site includes the following information: Complete copy of our Township Code updated annually to include new ordinances that have been adopted by the governing body

Meeting minutes for Township Council Meetings

A complete copy of our current year budget

Copies of our salary ordinance and salary resolution

Calendar of upcoming Township events

Specific information on items of special interest

To advertise an event, please contact our Computer Network Administrator.

For additional township information & updates, please visit www.staffordnj.gov

Office of the Tax Collector
Margaret Favorito, 597-1000 Ext. 8551

Property Taxes are due as follows:

FEBRUARY 1, 2017

MAY 1, 2017

AUGUST 1, 2017

NOVEMBER 1, 2017

There is a 10 day grace period for each quarter. To avoid interest, payment must be received by the 10th.

Water and Sewer Utility Bills
are due as follows:

JANUARY 15, 2017

APRIL 15, 2017

JULY 15, 2017

OCTOBER 15, 2017

There is a 10 day grace period for each quarter. To avoid interest, payment must be received by the 24th.

ANY UNPAID TAXES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR TAX SALE AS OF NOVEMBER 11, 2017

There are several property tax relief programs available to eligible property owners. To obtain applications and qualifications, please contact the following:

SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTION, SURVIVING SPOUSE, DISABLED AND VETERAN DEDUCTIONS 597-1000 EXT. 8546 - ASSESSOR
OR www.ocnjtax.com

HOMESTEAD REBATE

Information 1-877-658-2972

On-line information www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/geninf.shtml

PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Information 1-800-882-6597

Online information www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptrgeninf.shtml

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Snow covers historic Stafford Avenue in downtown Manahawkin with a fiery winter sunset in the background.



The old Manahawkin Baptist church, circa 1758, the oldest house of worship in Ocean County, under a peaceful blanket of snow.

January

2017



**Snowman
Building
Contest**

send us your picture
of your snowman at
recreation@staffordnj.gov



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Holiday Township Closed	3 Zone 1 Trash Collection Zone 1 Recycling Collection Zone 1 Bulk, Metal, Brush Collection	4 Planning Board 7pm Zone 2 Trash Collection Zone 2 Recycling Collection	5 Historic Preservation Commission 7pm Zone 3 Trash Collection Zone 3 Recycling Collection	6 Zone 4 Trash Collection Zone 4 Recycling Collection Court 9am & 1pm	7
8	9 Environmental Commission 7pm Zone 1 Trash Collection Zone 2 Bulk, Metal, Brush Collection	10 Township Meeting 7pm Zone 2 Trash Collection Zone 1 Recycling Collection	11 Zoning Board 7pm Zone 3 Trash Collection Zone 2 Recycling Collection	12 Zone 4 Trash Collection Zone 3 Recycling Collection	13 Zone 4 Recycling Collection Court 9am & 1pm	14
15 Water & Sewer Due	16 Holiday Township Closed	17 Zone 1 Trash Collection Zone 1 Recycling Collection Zone 3 Bulk, Metal, Brush Collection	18 Planning Board 7pm Zone 2 Trash Collection Zone 2 Recycling Collection	19 Zone 3 Trash Collection Zone 3 Recycling Collection	20 Zone 4 Trash Collection Zone 4 Recycling Collection Court 9am & 1pm	21
22	23 Zone 1 Trash Collection Zone 4 Bulk, Metal, Brush Collection	24 Township Meeting 7pm Zone 2 Trash Collection Zone 1 Recycling Collection	25 Zoning Board 7pm Zone 3 Trash Collection Zone 2 Recycling Collection	26 Zone 4 Trash Collection Zone 3 Recycling Collection	27 Zone 4 Recycling Collection Court 9am & 1pm	28
29	30 Zone 1 Trash Collection <u>NO BULK, METAL, OR BRUSH COLLECTIONS</u>	31 Zone 2 Trash Collection Zone 1 Recycling Collection				

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The Tuckerton Railroad car and Lake Manahawkin Pavilion are both recreations of icons of Stafford Township's past.



Photo Courtesy of Chris Mondie



Photo Courtesy of
Karen Wilson

A snow covered bridge over the Lake Manahawkin dam and spillway.
Photo Courtesy of Karen Wilson

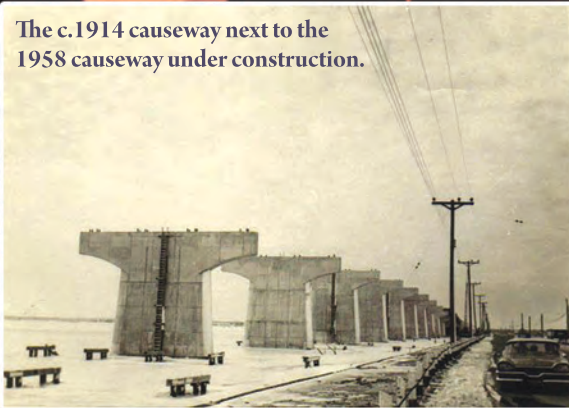
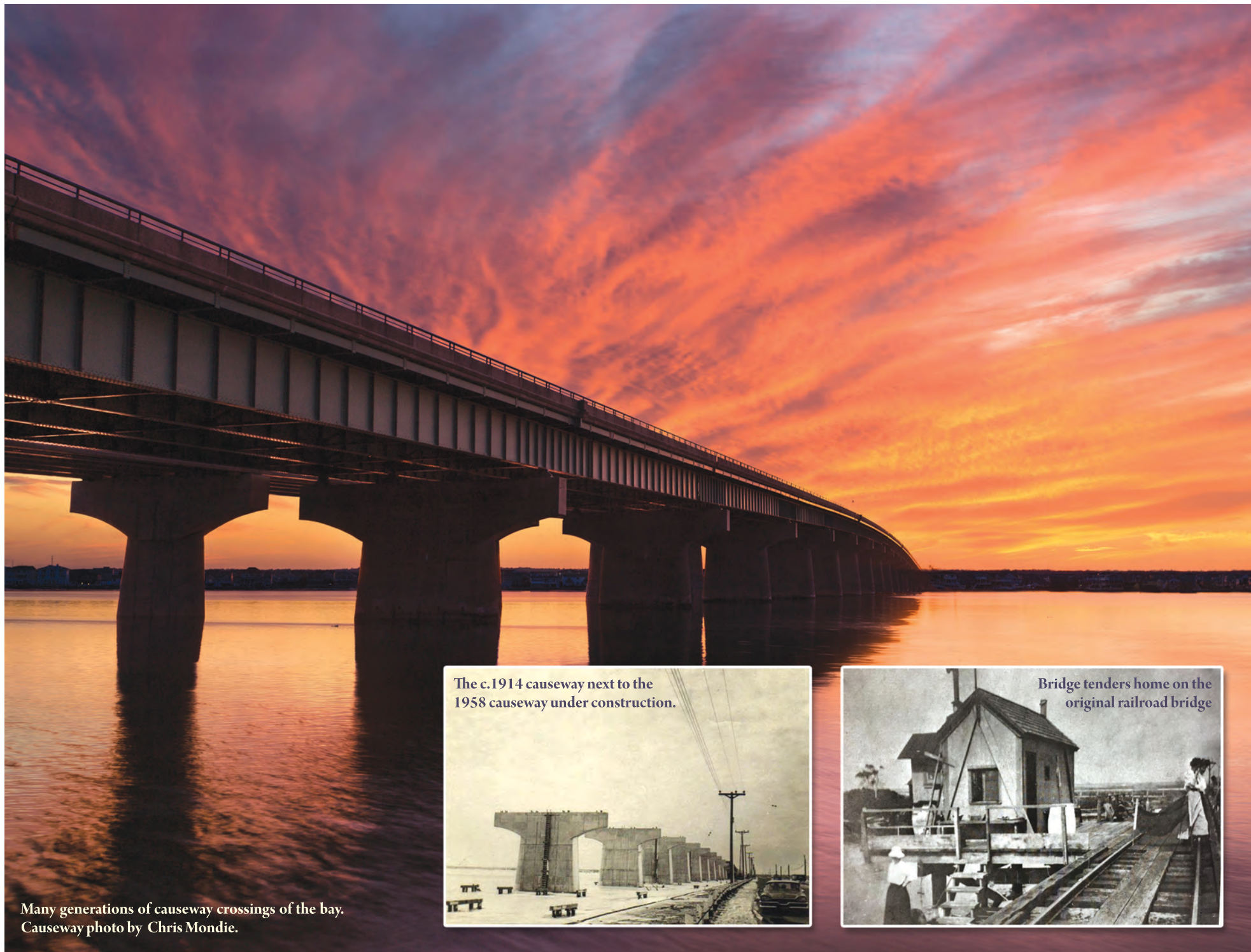
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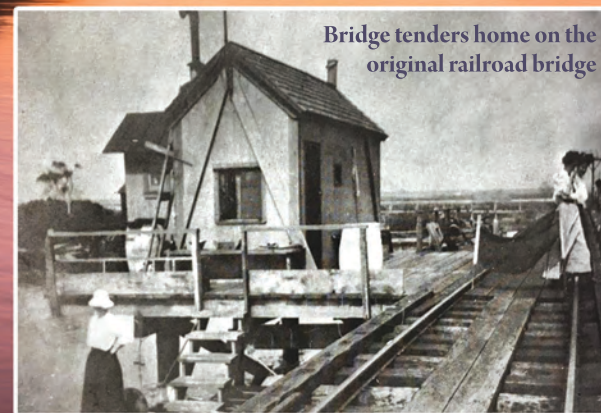


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The c.1914 causeway next to the 1958 causeway under construction.



Bridge tenders home on the original railroad bridge

Many generations of causeway crossings of the bay.
Causeway photo by Chris Mondie.

March

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Stafford Recreation is looking for photos for the 2018 calendar. Send us any photo that was taken in Stafford Township/Manahawkin area for possible publication in the 2018 calendar.

recreation@staffordnj.gov



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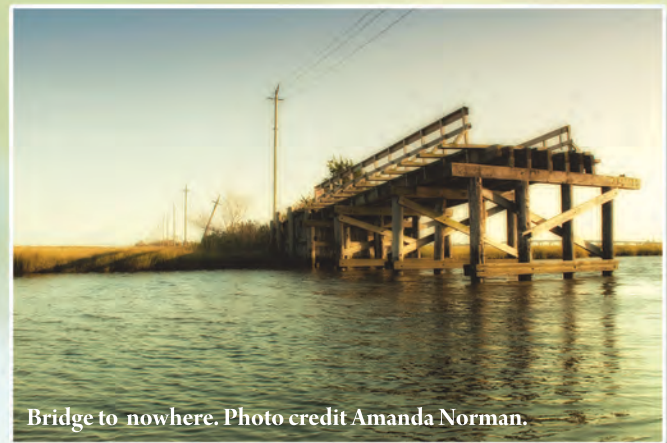
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Scenes from the Manahawkin Wildlife Management Area at the end of Stafford Avenue.
Egrets photo courtesy of Robert Harvey



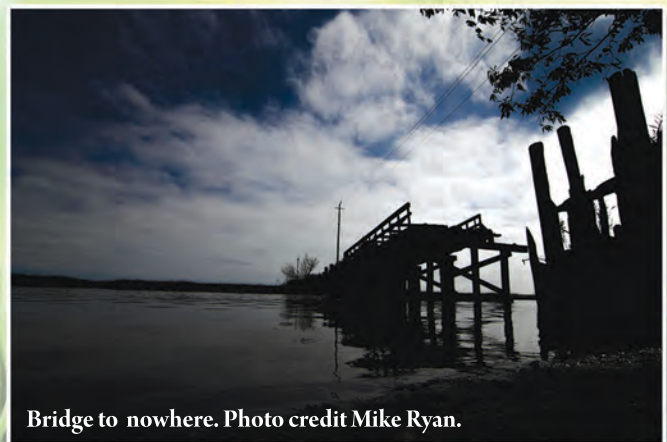
Blue Heron in Manahawkin Wetlands.
Photo courtesy of Anthony Tucci



Bridge to nowhere. Photo credit Amanda Norman.



Bridge to nowhere sunset. Photo credit Matt Soos.



Bridge to nowhere. Photo credit Mike Ryan.

April

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2	3 Environmental Commission 7pm Zone 1 Trash Collection Zone 1 Bulk, Metal, Brush & Leaf Collection	4 Zone 2 Trash Collection Zone 1 Recycling Collection	5 Planning Board 7pm Zone 3 Trash Collection Zone 2 Recycling Collection	6 Historic Preservation Commission 7pm Zone 4 Trash Collection Zone 3 Recycling Collection	7 Zone 4 Recycling Collection Court 9am & 1pm	8
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Pavilion Lights on Manahawkin Lake. Photo courtesy of Chris Mondie.

May

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28	29 Holiday Township Closed NO BULK, METAL, BRUSH OR LEAF COLLECTION	30 Zone 1 Trash Collection Zone 1 Recycling Collection	31 Zone 2 Trash Collection Zone 2 Recycling Collection			

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All of Stafford Township comes together on the second Saturday in June to celebrate our founding in 1749.

June

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**June 10th
Founder's Day
Celebration**



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				1 Historic Preservation Commission 7pm Zone 3 Trash Collection Zone 3 Recycling Collection	2 Zone 4 Trash Collection Zone 4 Recycling Collection Court 9am & 1pm	3
4	5 Environmental Commission 7pm Zone 1 Trash Collection Zone 1 Bulk, Metal, Brush & Leaf Collection	6 Primary Election 6-8pm Zone 2 Trash Collection Zone 1 Recycling Collection	7 Planning Board 7pm Zone 3 Trash Collection Zone 2 Recycling Collection	8 Zone 4 Trash Collection Zone 3 Recycling Collection	9 Zone 4 Recycling Collection Court 9am & 1pm	10 Founder's Day Celebration Manahawkin Lake Park and Doc Cramer Ballfields
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Stafford Township Department of Public Works

609-597-1000 ext. 8556 and 8609

Automated Trash, Recycling, Bulk Trash, Metal Recycling, Brush and Leaf Collection Schedule by Zones

Zone 1

Beach Haven West, Village Harbor, Colony Lakes, Cedar Bonnet Island, Mallard Island and Bayside

Trash: Monday at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

Recycling: Tuesday at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

Zone Collection Week for Bulk, Metal, Brush and *Leaves BEGINS 6:00 A.M. Monday of the First Full Week of Each Month

Zone 2

Town North and South, Route 9, Cedar Run, Mayetta, Downtown Manahawkin and Perry's Lake, The Landings and Pine Crest Village

Trash: Tuesday at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

Recycling: Wednesday at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

Zone Collection Week for Bulk, Metal, Brush and *Leaves BEGINS 6:00 A.M. Monday of the Second Full Week of Each Month

Zone 3

Ocean Acres (east of and including Nautilus Drive and north of Neptune Road)

Trash: Wednesday at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

Recycling: Thursday at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

Zone Collection Week for Bulk, Metal, Brush and *Leaves BEGINS 6:00 A.M. Monday of the Third Full Week of Each Month

Zone 4

Ocean Acres (west of Nautilus Drive, south of and including Neptune Road), Fawn Lakes, Paramount Escapes, Atlantic Hills and Warren Grove

Trash: Thursday at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

Recycling: Friday at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

Zone Collection Week for Bulk, Metal, Brush and *Leaves BEGINS 6:00 A.M. Monday of the Fourth Full Week of Each Month

Trash Collection

Place automated trash container with wheels toward curb by 6:00 a.m. on collection day - Please place can four feet from any object including additional automated cans.

Note: If a Holiday falls on the assigned trash day, all collections will be delayed by one day. If the assigned trash day overlaps the recycling day, both containers are to be placed four (4) feet apart and at the curb by **6:00 a.m.**

An automated trash container is assigned to every address and must remain at that address. The container is the responsibility of the homeowner, but the property of Stafford Township. If the home is sold **the trash can must remain with the property**. Only this container should be utilized for trash collection. **Do not use this automated trash can as a recycling container.** If an additional container for trash is necessary, please contact Public Works for information. **Do not paint or mark the container in any way.** Each can is registered and recorded with a serial number and no other identification is necessary. The automated trash container can be washed with water and a mild detergent.

Trash cans containing the following materials will not be collected: Recycling, hot ash or charcoal, flammable materials, toxic and/or hazardous household items.

Dried and empty latex paint cans may be disposed in your automated container. However paint filled cans must be taken to the nearest recycling center for drop off. Stains must be kept for hazardous waste disposal. Please call the Southern Ocean Recycling Center at 609 978-0913 for paint drop off and scheduled Household Hazardous Waste days.

Stafford Township Collection Restrictions

Household trash will not be collected unless it is contained within the automated trash can. No roots or stumps will be collected as brush or bulk. No branches or logs over 4" in diameter will be collected as bulk or brush. No concrete, pavers, cinderblocks or bricks will be collected. Recycling mixed with trash will not be collected. Overweight leaf bags (50 lb. limit) will not be collected. Carpeting/padding left at the curb will not be collected at the curb - place carpeting/padding in automated can. Hot tubs must be cut up in manageable 4' sections for bulk collection. No boats will be collected, cut up or otherwise. No hazardous materials or containers will be collected i.e. gasoline, kerosene, propane tanks. No cut grass will be collected at the curb - place in automated container. No dirt or dirt mixed with leaves, garden debris or brush will be collected. Roofing shingles (replacement by homeowner only) will not be collected at the curb - place in automated can.

Bulk Collection by Zone: Bulk trash (mattress, box spring, furniture, plastic toys etc. must be placed at the curb by **6:00 a.m. on the Monday morning** of the collection week assigned to each zone. Be sure to **separate** bulk items from recyclable items left at the curb for collection.

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Single Stream Recycling Collection

Place Single Stream Recycling container with wheels toward curb by 6:00 a.m. on collection day - Please place can four feet from any object including additional automated cans



Zone One Tuesday – Recycling

Zone Two Wednesday – Recycling

Zone Three Thursday – Recycling

Zone Four Friday – Recycling



If a Holiday falls on the assigned recycling day, collections will be delayed one week.



All recycling must be rinsed clean and placed into the *Single Stream Recycling* container. Automated trashcans filled with recycling will not be collected. Recycling mixed with trash will not be collected. Lids and caps from bottles and jars are to be placed in the normal household trash. **Materials included in collection are aluminum cans (beer, soda, etc.), tin cans, plastic containers (milk, water, juice, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, laundry detergent, etc.); glass bottles and jars (clear, brown or green); corrugated cardboard, junk mail and newspaper.** All recyclable materials are to be commingled and placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the assigned recycling day.

Do not use twine on paper/corrugated cardboard/junk mail recycling.

No plastic bags. No garbage. No bottle caps. No jar lids. No Styrofoam. No shrink-wrap. No brush, tree limbs, grass or branches.

No waxed boxes, pizza, cereal, beverage containers or gift boxes. No food storage containers. No metal.

None of the following will be collected: Foil cooking trays, flower pots, margarine tubs, yogurt or peanut butter containers, light bulbs, window glass, blue glass, ceramic, mirrors or stemware. Styrofoam packing peanuts can be taken to The UPS Store in the Stafford Square Shopping Center, or bagged and placed in the automated container for regular trash collection.

Failure to separate your recycling from trash may result in a fine up to \$500.00

****Leaving household trash at the recycling center is considered illegal dumping and a fine will be issued****

Grass clippings, hay and garden debris are to be bagged and placed into the automated trash container for normal trash collection.

Safe Syringe Disposal: The Southern Ocean County Hospital offers diabetic or injection dependent individuals proper disposal of syringe and lancets located at SOCH The Ocean Club, 700 Rt. 9 So., Manahawkin, NJ. For further information, call 978-3559, Family Resource Center.

Metal Recycling Collection by Zone: Metal recycling must be placed at the curb by **6:00 a.m. on the Monday morning** of the collection week assigned to each zone. Be sure to **separate** metal from other items intended for collection.

Brush, Tree Limbs and Branches: Place at the curb by **6:00 a.m. the Monday morning** on your assigned collection week. Nothing over four inches (4") in diameter will be collected. No roots. No stumps. Do not place brush, tree limbs and branches in recycling container.

Once a street has been collected, Stafford Township will not return until the next scheduled week for the assigned zone

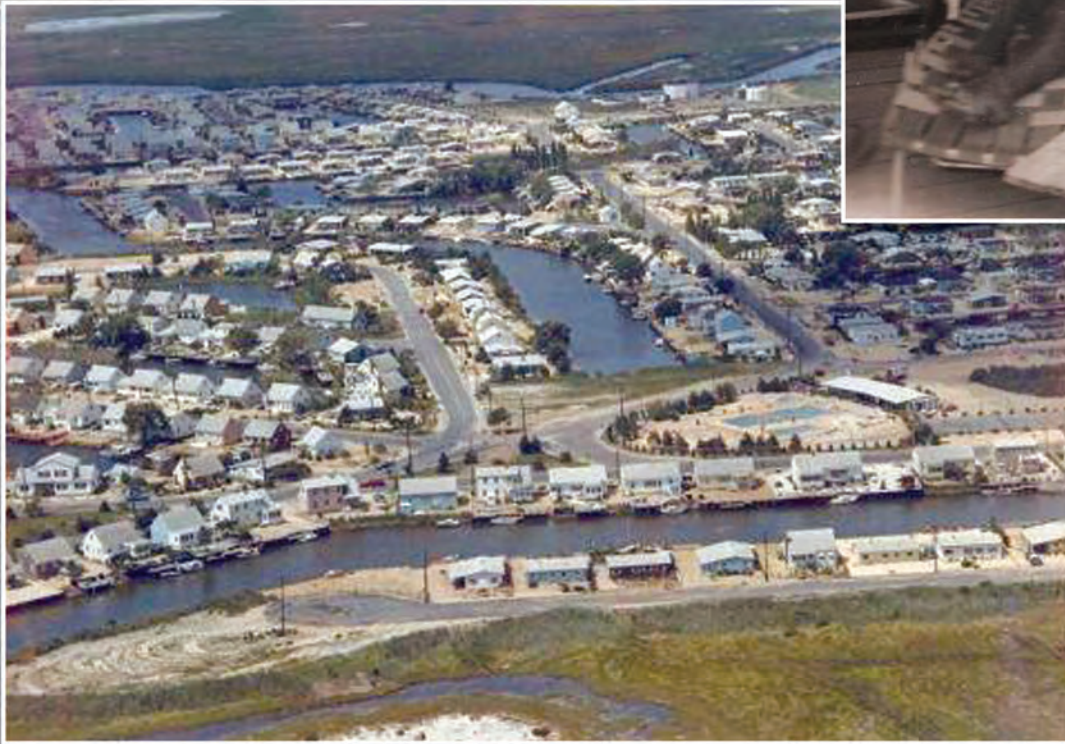
Throughout the year, residents may take bagged leaves to the Southern Ocean County Recycling Center on Haywood Road
Please be informed that weather conditions may cause a delay in collections

ADDITIONAL RECYCLING INFORMATION may be obtained by contacting:

Southern Ocean County Recycling Center 609 978-0913 - Haywood Road - Manahawkin, New Jersey 08050 - Monday through Saturday 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Paint cans (full or empty), motor oil, anti-freeze, auto batteries, telephone books, bagged leaves, brush, auto tires (off the rim), and all computer equipment may be taken to the **Southern Ocean County Recycling Center**. The **Southern Ocean County Recycling Center** runs the Hazardous Waste Disposal program twice a year; spring and fall. Household hazardous waste information can be obtained by calling the **Southern Ocean County Recycling Center at 609 978-0913**.

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Generations of families have created memories in their own little piece of the shore in Beach Haven West, a community begun by the Shapiro brothers in the 1950's. At one time there were even pools, a convenience store and EMS sub-station in the community. Aerial photo courtesy of the Beach Haven West Civic Association. Catch of the Day photo courtesy of Deanna Wein Paul.



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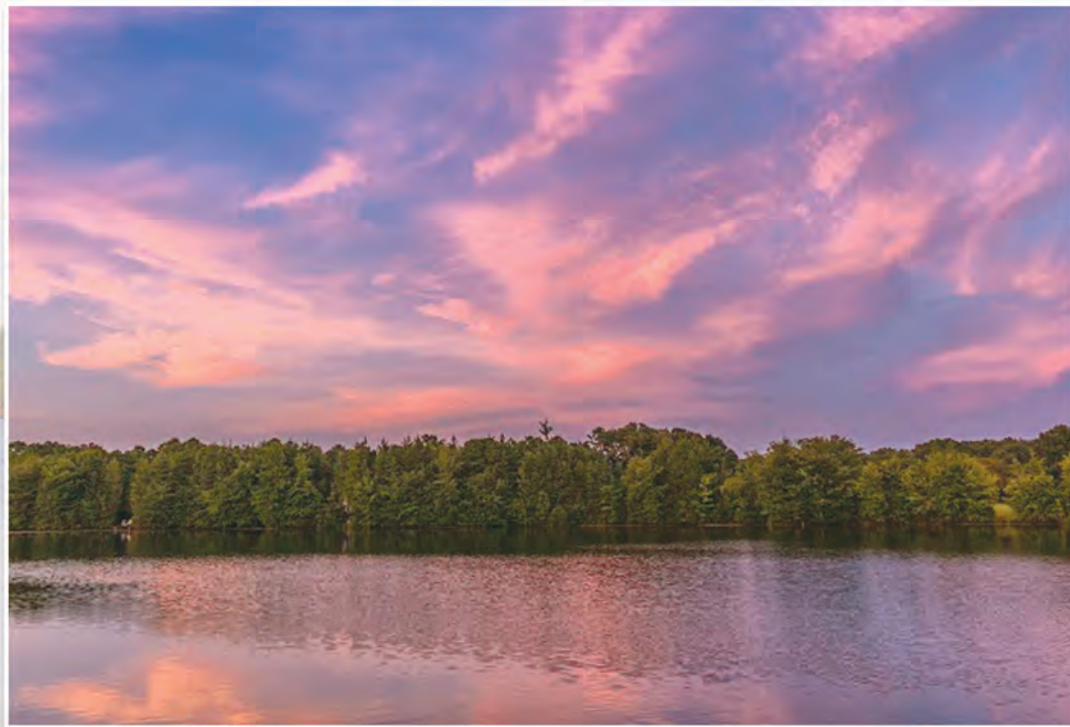


*Stafford Township
Historical Society
Summer Concerts
at Manahawkin
Lake Park
every Monday
in July & August
at 7 pm*



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30	31 Summer Concert Manahawkin Lake 7pm Zone 1 Trash Collection <u>NO BULK, METAL, BRUSH COLLECTION</u>					

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The end of another summer marked by beautiful scenes on the Ocean Acres and Manahawkin Lakes.
Sunset photo courtesy of Anthony Tucci
Lifeguard stand and rainbow photo courtesy of Lynette Sprague



August

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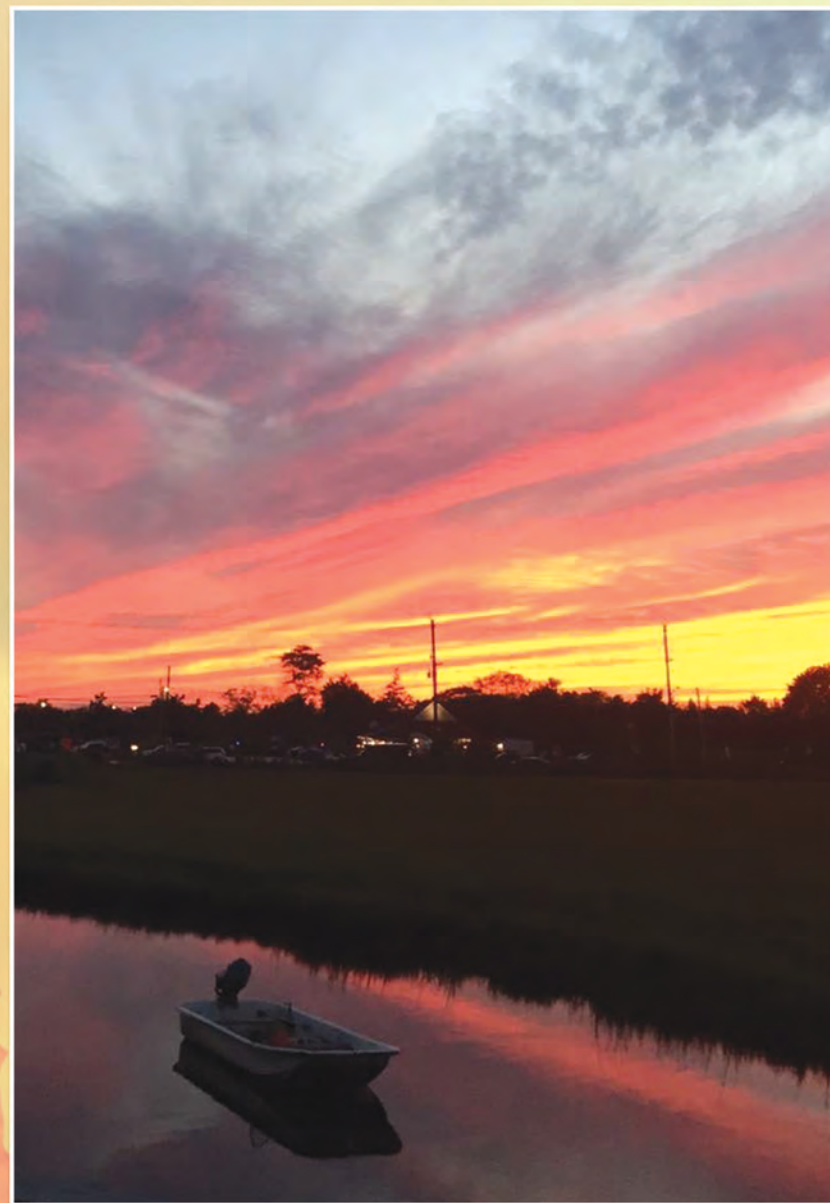
*Summer Concert
Every Monday
7 pm
Manahawkin
Lake Park*

recreation@staffordnj.gov



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September sunsets with kayakers on Lake Manahawkin and boats along the Manahawkin Creek on Mallard Island.

Kayakers photo courtesy of Lynette Sprague
Mallard Island photo courtesy of Steve Roberts

September

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*Town Wide
Yard Sale
September 9th-10th
Info in Calendar*



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Autumn reflections along the edge
of Manahawkin Lake Park.
Photo courtesy of Miguel Hernandez



October

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*Fall Harvest and
Wine Festival
October 14th & 15th*



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1	2 Environmental Commission 7pm Zone 1 Trash Collection Zone 1 Bulk, Metal, Brush & Leaf Collection	3 Zone 2 Trash Collection Zone 1 Recycling Collection	4 Planning Board 7pm Township Meeting 7pm Zone 3 Trash Collection Zone 2 Recycling Collection	5 Historic Preservation Commission 7pm Zone 4 Trash Collection Zone 3 Recycling Collection	6 Zone 4 Recycling Collection Court 9am & 1pm	7
8	9 Holiday Township Closed	10 Zone 1 Trash Collection Zone 1 Recycling Collection Zone 2 Bulk, Metal, Brush & Leaf Collection	11 Zoning Board 7pm Zone 2 Trash Collection Zone 2 Recycling Collection	12 Zone 3 Trash Collection Zone 3 Recycling Collection	13 Zone 4 Trash Collection Zone 4 Recycling Collection Court 9am & 1pm	14 Fall Harvest and Wine Festival Manahawkin Lake Park
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29	30 Zone 1 Trash Collection <u>NO BULK, METAL, BRUSH OR LEAF COLLECTION</u>	31 Zone 2 Trash Collection Zone 1 Recycling Collection				

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The Manahawkin Station of the Tuckerton Railroad c.1872 through the years. In the height of service standing along Stafford Avenue(Larry's Barber Shop parking lot), after the tracks had been removed in the 1940's and fully restored at Heritage Park today. Photo courtesy of Larry Oliphant.

November

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Santa arriving to the annual tree lighting ceremony at town hall on a fully decorated 1951 Mack fire truck courtesy of the Stafford Township Volunteer Fire Company.



December

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Holiday Tree Lighting and Wonderland December 1st



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Zone 4 Recycling Collection Court 9am & 1pm Holiday Tree Lighting and Wonderland Bay Ave. Community Center 5pm	2
3	4 Environmental Commission 7pm Zone 1 Trash Collection Zone 1 Bulk, Metal, Brush & Leaf Collection	5 Zone 2 Trash Collection Zone 1 Recycling Collection	6 Planning Board 7pm Zone 3 Trash Collection Zone 2 Recycling Collection	7 Historic Preservation Commission 7pm Zone 4 Trash Collection Zone 2 Recycling Collection	8 Zone 4 Recycling Collection Court 9am & 1pm	9
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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

597-1000, ext 8265

WINTER WEATHER THREATS:

- Nor'easter
- Blizzard and Snow
- Wind Chill, Frostbite and Hypothermia
- Ice and Road Hazards
- Flooding
- Power Outages

EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT:

- Three days' supply of canned, non-perishable, ready-to-eat food
- Three days' supply of water (a total of three gallons per family member)
- Battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- One week's prescription medications
- First aid kit
- Personal toiletries
- Non-electric can opener and utensils
- **SPECIAL NEEDS** items:
 - INFANT care items
 - Items for ELDERLY family members
 - Items for relatives with DISABILITIES
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Store important documents in a waterproof, safe location

IN CASE YOU NEED TO EVACUATE:

- Clean all loose debris from your yard, secure boats and put away all patio furniture
- Have enough canned goods and portable water on hand
- Fill bathtub with water and have manual utensils such as can openers handy
- Maintain a portable radio with a supply of batteries
- Stay tuned to your local radio and television stations
- Keep your gas tank filled
- Make arrangements for your pets
- Maintain all important documents i.e. Homeowners insurance, auto and life insurance papers, drivers license, registration, bank documents etc. in a plastic bag
- Ensure that prescription drugs and renewals are taken with you
- Make arrangements for contact persons out of the area and call them when leaving.
- Move all valuables to higher levels to avoid water damage.
- Prior to leaving turn off gas and electric
- If you are going to a shelter, ensure you are self sufficient for at least seventy-two hours, i.e. blankets, pillows, toiletries, food etc.

Persons who will need transportation or special help during an evacuation are strongly urged to call the Office of Emergency Management **NOW** and register for assistance before the need arises, at (609) 597-1000, Ext.8265
Emergency shelters when activated are located at The Southern Regional Campus on Cedar Bridge Road off Route 9 north.

HURRICANES AND YOUR SAFETY

Hurricane watch:

A watch is issued when hurricane conditions are a real possibility and may threaten coastal or island areas within 36 hours. If a Hurricane Watch is issued, stay tuned to your local radio or television station.

PREPARATIONS: BE PREPARED BEFORE A DISASTER STRIKES!

- Arrange **NOW** with a relative or friend out of this area to take messages from you in an emergency and to have worried relatives call **ONLY** that telephone number to inquire of your safety. Phone lines in the area might be damaged and, if not, they will be heavily utilized.
- Keep irreplaceable papers such as birth & marriage certificates, deeds, car titles, FLOOD insurance and HOMEOWNER policies, etc., in one spot so they can be easily placed in plastic and ready for transport in the event an evacuation is ordered.
- Stock up on nonperishable essentials such as canned food and bottled water. Include manual can opener and utensils.

- Have battery operated radio and flashlights with a supply of batteries. Keep an adequate supply of prescription drugs on hand.
- Keep tree limbs trimmed, especially if they hang over wires or your house. Remove any loose lying materials from your yard; i.e., chairs, tables, wood, propane tanks, trash cans, etc.
- If you have a pet, purchase a pet carrier and make arrangements for its relocation.
- Make sure your vehicle is serviced with a full tank of gas.
- If you are in need of transportation or special help in order to evacuate, register with the Office of Emergency Management **NOW!** (609) 597-1000 Ext. 8265

Hurricane Warning:

A warning is issued when a hurricane is expected to hit an area within 24 hours. Be prepared to leave if an evacuation order is issued even though the weather does not seem threatening at the time.

When a **WARNING** is announced.

- STAY TUNED TO LOCAL RADIO/TV STATIONS.
- Relocate pets
- Secure you boat
- Take down awnings and tape windows
- Gather items to take to shelter in case you have to evacuate such as; prescription medicines, blankets, sleeping bags, pillow, lawn chair, cash/credit card/ checkbook; expensive jewelry; change of clothing; family documents, photos, policies, stock certificates, etc. secure in a water tight container. Any necessary toiletries, flashlight, infant needs and toys, books/magazines. **PLAN ON BEING SELF SUFFICIENT FOR THE FIRST SEVENTY TWO HOURS.**
- Notify your designated person outside of the affected area as to where you will be.
- Fill bathtub with water to use on your return home in case public water is contaminated.
- Call family members scattered throughout the area and arrange a mutual meeting spot following the “all-clear” from emergency management personnel.

WHEN TOLD TO EVACUATE:

DO SO WITHOUT HESITATION! The longer you wait to leave, the less likely you will avoid grid-lock as the Island and Stafford residents pile onto Route 72, the only access westbound.

You may be told to evacuate by radio, television or loud speakers from Township Vehicles.

- Call your contact, telling them that you are leaving and where you will be.
- Put nonperishable food/bottled water, toiletries/medicines/ valuables, documents, sleeping bags, etc. first aid kit/ flashlight (batteries) portable radio, change of clothing, toys, special needs and whatever else you will need for several days in the trunk of your car. Be sure the car has a full tank of gas as you may be caught in traffic for along time.
- **TURN OFF THE ELECTRICITY AND GAS!**
- Call any neighbors who you know may need transportation and offer your help.
- Secure your home and **LEAVE!**

FOLLOW DIRECTIONS GIVEN BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

PERSONNEL. They have up-to-the-minute information to help you evacuate to a safe area. Keep in mind that during the final phase of evacuation (Rt. 72 eastbound lanes reversed to westbound) persons residing south of Rt. 72 will not be able to access Route 9 or the Garden State Parkway northbound.

ABOUT PETS

- When a **HURRICANE WATCH** is issued, take pets to a kennel or vet for boarding until after the crisis has passed.
- If you have a two-story house, pets can be left upstairs with plenty of water and food to last for several days. Pets manage better than humans do in emergency situations.
- Another alternative is take your pet with you when you are evacuated and leave it in your car while you are in the evacuation center. **NO PETS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED IN THE EVACUATION CENTER.** You will be able (weather permitting) to go out to your car to give food and water and walk the animal if necessary.
- Any animal let out of the car **MUST BE ON A LEASH.**
- Take License and Rabies tags. Also take a lot of newspapers and paper towels and any medications.
- Pick up a copy of H.E.L.P. (Help in Emergencies for Livestock and Pets) in Stafford's Municipal Building lobby.

WHAT TO DO AFTER A HURRICANE:

- Remain in your shelter until told by local authorities that it is safe to leave.
- Keep tuned to your local radio or television stations for advice and instructions from your local government about medical help, emergency housing, clothing, and food assistance, ways to help yourself and your community.
- Stay away from disaster areas. Do not impede crucial rescue and recovery work.
- Drive only when necessary and be especially careful. Streets will be filled with debris and downed power lines. Roads may collapse under the weight of the cars.
- Avoid loose or dangling power wires and report them immediately to the Power Company, Police or Fire Department.
- Report broken gas, sewer or water mains.
- Prevent fires. Don't use candles. Municipal water pressure may be low which will make fire fighting even more difficult.
- Check refrigerated food for spoilage. Don't risk eating spoiled food.
- Stay away from flooded areas. Snakes and other animals could pose a danger. Debris, broken bottles and boards with nails will be everywhere. Watch where you step.
- Remember the Manahawkin Bay Bridge will be closed for entry until the Island is prepared to accept vehicles. This could be several days.

DID YOU KNOW..

A Category 3 Hurricane will result in flooding up to Route 9 or beyond. Hurricane Andrew which hit Florida in 1986 was a Category 3 hurricane, Here are the guidelines;

Category One	Winds 74 – 96 mph
Category Two	Winds 96 – 110 mph
Category Three	Winds 111 - 130 mph
Category Four	Winds 131 – 155 mph
Category Five	Winds greater than 155 mph

Stafford Township Department of Public Works

597-1000 ext. 8556 and 8609

Mosquito Control Division General Information

While Stafford Township does everything possible in accordance with the State of New Jersey to minimize the infestation and decrease the mosquito population each season ...

MOSQUITO CONTROL BEGINS AT HOME!

How can you stop mosquito breeding?

Mosquitoes need water to breed and grow. It doesn't take much water and it doesn't take much time. Almost anything that will hold water for at least 3-5 days will breed mosquitoes.

Clogged gutters will not allow water to flow freely – clean gutters at least annually
Old discarded tires – thousands of mosquitoes can produce in just one season
Plastic wading pools –empty after each use
Clay pots and various other plastic containers – drain, dry and store upside down or indoors
Dispose of empty bottles, cans, discarded toys, etc.
Recycling containers left outside – drill holes in the bottom to prevent water ponding
Tarps used to cover pools and boats – eliminate the standing water
Canoes and small boats – store upside down
Water in bird baths – change water every two to three days
Garbage cans and lids – store upside down
Flower pots and dishes – eliminate standing water
Dripping outdoor water faucets – keep in good repair
Wheelbarrows – turn over when not in use
Unused stagnant swimming pools – perform proper pool maintenance

No Spray and/or Call First Registration 609 597-1000 ext. 8609

Stafford Township Department of Public Works maintains a call log of residents preferring that the area in front of their home not be treated by the Mosquito Control Division and/or called prior to application as a reminder to prepare their home by closing windows and/or keeping pets indoors.

The application is stopped before the address of the “no spray” request and restarted once it has past the residence.

The “call first” method is a telephone call at least twelve (12) hours prior to the scheduled treatment.

**For a schedule of spray locations, days and times please refer to the
Stafford Township Website twp.stafford.nj.us**

Stafford Township Dial-A-Ride Transportation Division

The Stafford Township Dial-A-Ride is a handicap accessible bus transportation service operating within Stafford Township and available free of charge to Stafford Township residents.

Residents between the ages of 12 and 17 are permitted to ride the bus once a pass is obtained. A parent or legal guardian can apply for a Dial-A-Ride pass by providing proof of residency at the Public Works office located at 320 Haywood Road in Manahawkin.

Please call 609 597-1400 a minimum of fifteen minutes before the preferred run. Leave the pick up address and the destination location desired.

The Dial-A-Ride buses runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The scheduled bus runs are as follows:

8:30 a.m.	Beach Haven West Bus starts from Stafford Twp. Dept. of Public Works Ocean Acres bus starts from Stafford Twp. Dept. of Public Works
10:00 a.m.	Beach Haven West Bus leaves from Costco Wholesale Club Ocean Acres bus leaves from Value City Shopping Complex
12 Noon	Beach Haven West Bus leaves from Costco Wholesale Club Ocean Acres bus leaves from Value City Shopping Complex
2:00 p.m.	Beach Haven West Bus leaves from Costco Wholesale Club Ocean Acres bus leaves from Value City Shopping Complex
4:00 p.m.	Beach Haven West Bus leaves from Costco Wholesale Club Ocean Acres bus leaves from Value City Shopping Complex
5:30 p.m.	Beach Haven West Bus leaves from Costco Wholesale Club Ocean Acres bus leaves from Value City Shopping Complex

The Dial-A-Ride bus will arrive at the pick up location within that designated run time.

If you have any questions, please call 609 597-1000 ext. 8556 or 8609.

Stafford Township Department of Public Works

597-1000 ext. 8556 and 8609

Stafford Township Snow Removal Program Facts



There are 187 miles (or 675 lane miles*) of township streets to be plowed and deiced

*One lane mile equals 12' width x 5,280 length



Snow Removal in Stafford Township is a joint effort between the Department of Public Works and the Water and Sewer Department. The Department of Public Works is the lead Agency



The Department of Public Works Snow Removal Fleet consists of nine (9) trucks equipped with plows and salt spreaders and twenty-four (24) trucks with plows only



The Water and Sewer Utility Department Snow Removal Fleet consists of one (1) truck equipped with a salt spreader and seven (7) trucks with plows only



Stafford Township utilizes rock salt and liquid calcium to deice the township streets. Salt brine is applied to main arteries to help prevent the bonding of snow and ice to the pavement



It takes approximately four (4) hours to spread one application of salt on all township streets



To plow all the township streets once takes approximately eight (8) hours



Rock salt is generally applied prior to plowing to prevent snow and ice from bonding to the road surface. Once bonded, it is difficult to remove. Salt reacts with moisture and creates a brine solution to allow snow and ice to be removed. Rock salt is also applied after plowing to improve driving conditions

Helpful Tips about Snow Removal



Park your vehicles off the road. Township Ordinances prohibit on street parking during plowing operations. This will allow the snow removal crews to plow the road more efficiently and from curb to curb.



Wait for the snowplow to plow your street before clearing the end of your driveway.



Shovel the majority of the snow from your driveway to the left side (when facing your home from the street). When the snowplows arrives, there will be less snow piled up to be turned over back into the driveway apron.



Remove any portable basketball hoops from the street to allow for curb to curb plowing. Remember, most snowplows are as tall as the hoop.



Plowing operations are interesting and especially catch the attention of children. However, plowing is dangerous and requires extreme concentration, so please instruct children to avoid the snowplows.



Avoid driving if you can, allow the snowplows to accomplish their task and make the roads safer for traveling.

Streets Maintained by Other Jurisdictions:

Ocean County Road Department:

Nautilus Drive, Lighthouse Drive, Stafford Avenue, Hilliard Blvd.,
Cedar Bridge Road, Bay Avenue, Cedar Run Dock Road,
Mayetta Landing Road, Jennings Road (Bay Avenue to Route 72)
Mill Creek Road (Bay Avenue to Route 72), Route 539
Route 532 Spur, Beaver Dam Road

New Jersey State Highway Authority:

Route 9, Route 72, Marsha Drive (Bay Avenue to Route 72),
Garden State Parkway

Department of Animal Control
597-1000 ext. 8525

The Department of Animal Control is located in the Stafford Township Municipal Building, 260 East Bay Avenue. Offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

**Stafford Township Dog
and Cat Owners**
Reminder:
License renewal deadline is
January 31, 2017

Rabies Clinics are offered the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the Month (except April) at the Southern Ocean County Animal Facility on Haywood Road. Please call 609-978-0127 to make an appointment.

Rabies Certificate must not expire
prior to November 1, 2017

In accordance with Chapter 60-2 of the Code of Stafford Township, if you own, keep or harbor any dogs or cats which are seven (7) months or older, within Township limits, you must obtain a dog or cat license from the Department of Animal Control.

Complete the form below for each dog/cat you own and include your payment **(\$8.20 if spayed/neutered, \$11.20 if not)** and proof of rabies vaccination and spayed/neutered certificate, which will be returned with your new license to:

260 East Bay Avenue, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Stafford Township Department of Animal Control
Dog or Cat License (circe one)

Resident Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Pets Name: _____

Spayed or Neutered: _____

Male or Female: _____

Breed: _____

Color: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Vets Name: _____

Vets Phone Number: _____

Flood Hazard Information

Bonnie Flynn, Director 597-1000 ext. 8529

FLOOD HAZARD INFORMATION

The following information is being provided to residents and property owners in connection with flooding in Stafford Township, ways to minimize flood risk and information on flood insurance.

The U.S. Congress established the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) with the passage of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. The NFIP is a Federal program, now under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), enabling property owners in participating communities to purchase insurance as a protection against flood losses in exchange for State and community floodplain management regulations that reduce future flood damages. Stafford has been involved in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS) since 1991. CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. As a result, flood insurance policy holders receive a discount on their annual premiums depending on their flood zone and elevation of the insured structure together with the Township's CRS classification. Stafford has reached a Class 5 rating which provides for up to a 25% discount for policyholders. This is a savings of almost \$1 million for property owners throughout the Township.

Natural and Beneficial Functions of a Floodplain

The floodplain or Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) in Stafford is the area that is inundated by floodwaters of a stream, river or by tidal waters of the Barnegat Bay or the Atlantic Ocean. The natural function of a floodplain is to store the floodwaters or storm tides, on a temporary basis, until the water recedes to its usual stream channel and normal coastal tide elevation. In river systems, the floodwaters inundate the floodplain area along the defined channel, replenishing soil moisture and depositing fertile silt from the river channel. Along the coastal areas in Stafford, tidal wetlands provide a temporary reservoir for floodwaters from storm tides, which are higher than normal. Natural floodplains also protect our community against storm-related erosion by wave action or scour and battering by debris. Finally, natural floodplains enhance water quality by filtering impurities and moderate water temperature which reduces the possibility of adverse impacts on aquatic plants and animals.

Drainage System Maintenance

Stafford's drainage system consists of natural and human-made watercourses and storage basins that must be maintained in order to prevent flood damage from smaller, more frequent storm events. Drainage systems are found in streets, roadside ditches, underground recharge systems as well as open channels and detention and retention basins.

Stafford's Public Works Department inspects our storm water drainage systems on a semi-annual basis. Our maintenance program includes inlet cleaning, pipe cleaning, drainage basin maintenance and street sweeping. Township Code Chapters 136 (Litter) and 185 (Stormwater System) prohibit any dumping in our waterways or stormwater systems. Through our Clean Communities program, there is a 24-hour Water Watch tip line to report any illegal activity. If you see anything please call (609) 597-8581. During the summer months,

all navigable waterways are inspected and kept free from floating debris. Staff perform routine maintenance and respond to all complaints.

Stafford's Environmental Commission has had the "Adopt-a-Drain" program in place since 1999. All storm drains are "tagged" and can be adopted by an individual or any organization such as a civic or homeowner group or scout troop. The adopting person or group monitors the basin or drain and reports any siltation or debris to the Public Works Department. For additional information, please call (609) 597-1000 ext. 8609.

Local Flood Hazard

Flooding is a health and safety hazard in various locations in Stafford. Our lagoon communities and neighborhoods near the Barnegat Bay are subject to tidal flooding from hurricanes and winter storms. Properties in the westerly sections of our community may be inundated with floodwaters from small streams, dry branches of rivers or nearby lakes.

Storm events passing near our coastline have generated tidal surges that have inundated several areas such as Cedar Bonnet Island, Mallard Island, Beach Haven West and Cedar Run Dock Road. A powerful thunderstorm in July 1991 and a nor'easter on December 11, 1992 generated high flood insurance claims affected homes throughout the entire Township. Several storm events in July and October 2005 flooded parts of the Township. A flash flood event on September 16, 2006 caused major flooding as well as many insurance claims and significant flooding also occurred in the Fall of 2009. In October 2012 Superstorm Sandy affected thousands of homes in our community and produced record level flooding. If you were here during any of these storm events, you may have seen flooding and know that this is a real threat to our community. This is why the Township has continued with the CRS program and does what it can to minimize the impact of flooding.

Local Flood Hazard Maps

FEMA has provided Stafford with a new Flood Insurance Study and Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). A FIRM is the basis for flood insurance rating and for construction in a flood zone. The current FIRM used in connection with flood insurance rating is our 9/29/06 map. Generally, the Preliminary FIRM (effective 3/28/14 or 1/30/15) is the map used for construction purposes. In this interim time, whichever map has the stricter standard is used for construction but this only affects a small number of properties. FIRMs show the base flood elevation which is the height above sea level to which building standards are guided by. The maps also show coastal high velocity zones and areas of moderate wave action. The maps show base flood elevation ranges throughout Stafford from 7 to 10 feet above sea level and areas in the AE and VE flood zones. Construction standards require one (1) additional foot to any elevation shown on the map effective at the time of a permit for any new or substantially improved/damaged homes. We will provide a flood zone determination letter for your property and request forms are available online or at the Municipal Building. This will include whether the property is in a flood zone and the actual flood zone and BFE for the property. We can also provide Elevation Certificates for a number of properties in the flood zone. The maps and Elevation Certificates are available for review at the Community Development Department (by appointment). We are happy to share any information we may have on prior flooding events for a particular property. We have the approximate height of Sandy floodwaters for almost every house in our flood zone. Flood maps and other information are provided on the website www.region2coastal.com.

For additional township information & updates, please visit www.staffordnj.gov

Flood Insurance

YOUR HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE DOES NOT COVER DAMAGE CAUSED BY FLOODING

Flood insurance is backed by the Federal Government and is available to everyone, even to property owners who have been flooded before and to property owners who own property outside the flood zone. The maximum insurance coverage on residential dwellings is \$250,000 and the maximum insurance coverage on household contents is \$100,000. Nonresidential properties are also eligible for insurance in various amounts.

Flood insurance is mandatory for all loans provided by federally insured or regulated lenders in order to purchase, construct, repair or improve any building in the flood zone. Lending agencies, real estate offices and title companies should be aware of this Federal requirement. There can be a 30-day waiting period before coverage goes into effect so you should plan accordingly. Rates will vary depending on the location in the flood zone, the elevation of the structure and coverage and deductible amounts. You should contact your insurance agent for more information about coverage for your property.

For more information about flood zones and flood insurance you may contact the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-800-427-4661 or search the following websites, www.fema.gov/nfip or www.FloodSmart.gov.

Development Permit Requirements

Substantial Improvement/Damage Requirements

All properties located in the SFHA of Stafford Township are subject to the flood hazard regulations found in Chapter 114 of the Township Code. Before undertaking any development, the proper permits must be obtained. The Township Code has specific requirements for new and substantially improved structures. A substantial improvement means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement to a building, where the cost equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of the building before the start of construction. This also includes a building that has suffered substantial damage. Substantial damage means damage of any origin (not just flooding) sustained by a building whereby the cost of restoring the building to its pre-damage condition is equal to or exceeds 50% of the market value of the building before the damage occurred. Among other requirements, the Township Code requires that new or substantial improvements to residential buildings be elevated one foot above the base flood elevation. As part of the approval process, an Elevation Certificate is required. This document will certify the structure's elevations and is one of the required items for the final CO. Certification of the design of any construction below the base flood elevation, including floodproofing must also be provided by a licensed professional. There are also requirements in the Township Code for non-residential buildings. Before the start of any construction project, please check with the Community Development Department and Building Department to verify the structure's location in the flood zone, verify the base flood elevation and determine all construction requirements. Please contact these departments to report any possible illegal construction activity. These regulations are designed to protect you and your neighbors. By getting the proper permits, we can prevent or reduce flood damage.

Property Protection Measures

There are several ways to protect your home from flood: 1) elevate your structure above the base flood elevation; 2) make your walls waterproof and place watertight closures over your doorways and windows. This technique is known as retrofitting or flood proofing. The Community Development Department has information that detail these concepts. The Stafford Township branch of the Ocean County Library also has books and literature available on these topics in their reference section.

Building alterations require a permit from the Construction Department. Our Zoning Officers and Construction Code Official can provide one-on-one advice on building modifications that

will help prevent flood damage. Please call the Township for assistance and we are happy to arrange a site visit if necessary. See contact numbers below.

FEMA has several financial assistance programs that can help implement activities such as property acquisition, retrofitting and other flood protection projects. FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs handout can be found on the Flood Information page of the Township's website together with other funding information. Please contact the Township for further information. Having flood insurance is important.

There are also no-cost measures you can take to prevent a loss from rising flood waters. Consider temporarily moving furniture, electronic equipment, or important papers to a higher spot within your home such as an attic or the tops of cabinets. Always make sure any flood vents installed in your home are open and free of debris.

Flood Warning Systems

In case of an emergency, you should listen to an Emergency Broadcast System. In addition to the Comcast Cable, you can also tune your radio to:

WOBM-(FM) 92.7 1170 WJRZ-(FM) 100.1 WJLK-(FM) 94.3 & 98.5
WJLK-(AM) 1310 WOBB-(AM)

A Flood WATCH is issued when conditions exist which may cause flooding when the flooding is neither certain nor imminent but a real possibility. Flood Watches provide advance notice and up-to-date information on the possibility of flooding within 36 hours. A watch should be your cue to think about preparation and planning in the event of a flood. Be alert for changing weather, listen for further information, and think about what to do if conditions deteriorate.

A Flood WARNING is issued when flooding is or soon will be occurring. In the event of an emergency, Police, Fire and First Aid personnel will perform "route" alerting. Alerting will be by mobile public address systems and door-to-door operations. When told to evacuate, do so without hesitation. The longer you wait to leave, the more likely you are to be in a heightened evacuation traffic grid-lock on Route 72, the only westbound evacuation route. Our evacuation shelter is located at the Southern Regional High School located on Cedar Bridge Road. Be advised that the shelter does not allow pets.

Remember, being prepared is key.
Staff are available to answer any questions you may have.
Stafford Township contact information:
Emergency Management: (609) 597-1000, ext. 8265
Community Development Dept: (609) 597-1000, ext. 8535
Construction Department: (609) 597-1000, ext. 8562

Helpful Links:
FEMA - www.fema.gov/hazard/flood
National Flood Ins. Program - www.FloodSmart.gov
U.S. Department of Homeland Security - www.dhs.gov
National Weather Service - www.nws.noaa.gov
National Hurricane Center - www.nhc.noaa.gov
NJ State Police - www.njsp.org
NJ Office of Emergency Management - www.nj.gov/njoem/

For additional township information & updates, please visit www.staffordnj.gov

As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local water bodies and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.

- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:
- * Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- * Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in the toilet
- * Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feedings in these areas.

Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

Contact Information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program
(609) 633-7021

Municipal Clerk

Kim Hodsdon 597-1000 ext. 8512

Linda Martin, Registrar of Vital Statistics 597-1000 ext. 8526

The Municipal Clerk's office serves as Secretary to the Governing Body, Local Election Official, Registrar of Vital Statistics and Local Licensing Official.

For information on Marriage/Civil Unions licenses, Birth Certificates, Death Certificates, forms and applications for Marriage/Civil Unions licenses, voter registration, yard sale permits, raffle and bingo permits, and OPRA requests, please contact the Clerk's Office.

2017 Election Dates

June 6 - Primary Election • November 7 - General Elections

Polls open at 6:00am and close at 8:00pm

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP ELECTION DISTRICTS & LOCATIONS

DISTRICT #1

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE
COMPANY #1
133 Stafford Avenue

DISTRICT #2

SAINT MARY'S PARISH CENTER
100 Bishop Lane

DISTRICT #3

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE
COMPANY #1
133 Stafford Avenue

DISTRICT #4

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE
COMPANY #1
133 Stafford Avenue

DISTRICT #5

FAWN LAKES COMMUNITY CENTER
6 Sycamore Road

DISTRICT #6

OCEAN ACRES COMMUNITY CENTER
489 Nautilus Drive

DISTRICT #7

OCEAN ACRES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MULTI PURPOSE ROOM
489 Nautilus Drive

DISTRICT #8

OCEAN ACRES COMMUNITY CENTER
489 Nautilus Drive

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DISTRICT #10

OCEAN ACRES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MULTI PURPOSE ROOM
489 Nautilus Drive

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MULTI PURPOSE ROOM
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DISTRICT #12

OCEAN ACRES COMMUNITY CENTER
489 Nautilus Drive

DISTRICT #13

JENNINGS ROAD RECREATION CENTER
385 Jennings Road

DISTRICT #14

ATLANTIC HILLS CLUBHOUSE
98 Atlantic Hills Boulevard

DISTRICT #15

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE
COMPANY #1
133 Stafford Avenue

DISTRICT #16

PERRY'S LAKE CLUBHOUSE
4 Princeton Drive
Manahawkin, New Jersey 08050
609-597-7771

DISTRICT #17

SAINT MARY'S PARISH CENTER
100 Bishop Lane

DISTRICT #18

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE
COMPANY #1
133 Stafford Avenue

DISTRICT #19

OCEAN ACRES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MULTI PURPOSE ROOM
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DISTRICT #20

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SAINT MARY'S PARISH CENTER
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DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS INSTRUCTIONS TO OBTAIN A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

PRIOR APPROVALS: The following is a list of prior approvals that may be required by other agencies depending on the project before submission for a construction permit. Call the Department of Building Inspections at 609-597-1000 ext. 8532 or fax 609-978-9612.

DEVELOPMENT FEES: Construction of all new structures must comply with the State of New Jersey Fair Housing Act.

ZONING: Provide an approved Zoning Permit. The Zoning Department can be reached at 609-597-1000, extension 8535.

PINELAND: Construction of all new structures located west of the Parkway must provide a Certificate of Filing or Pinelands Exemption Letter. Please call: 609-894-7300.

SOILS: Construction of all new structures on isolated lots with more than 5,000 sq. ft. of soil disturbance except for additions require a permit from Ocean County Soil Conservation District located at 714 Lacey Rd, Forked River, NJ, 08731, Please call 609-971-7002.

C.A.F.R.A.: Construction of structures except for decks, swimming pools and sheds within 150 feet of the mean high water line of tidal water.

BOARD OF HEALTH: Construction of all new structures serviced by a private well or septic system. Call 732-341-9700.

MUNICIPAL UTILITY AUTHORITY: Stafford Township Water and Sewer Dept. approval to connect to the public water or sewer system. Call ext. 8588.

BUILDERS REGISTRATION: Construction of all new structures requires proof of enrollment in a state or private Home Warranty Program.

SUBMISSION: After obtaining all required approvals, the complete submission is presented to the Department of Building Inspections Office for review and the issuance of a Construction Permit.

INSPECTIONS

You will receive a list of required inspections when your construction permit is issued. It is the responsibility of the applicant to schedule all inspections during the progress of work.

SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION: CALL 597-1000 ext.8532, 8533, 8534 or FAX 978-9612 the day before your requested inspection between 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., to be put on the next available day's schedule of inspections.

SPEAK WITH AN INSPECTOR: From 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. or 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. CALL: 609-597-1000: Construction Official ext. 8562, Building ext. 8582, Electrical ext. 8561, Plumbing ext. 8560, Fire ext. 8562.

INSPECTIONS PERFORMED: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The U.C.C. allows (3) working days for inspections.

RENTAL AND RESALE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCIES

All buildings and units that are leased rented or the transfers of title, regardless of the term, are required to be inspected and receive an Existing Structure Certificate of Occupancy. A list of the most common reasons for failure is given to you before the inspection during the application process.

Inspection by building official consists of a visual review only. It is not a thorough, in depth structural investigation of the dwelling. A complete overview of the property can be obtained from a registered home inspection agency.

ORDINARY MAINTENANCE OR REPAIRS

Ordinary maintenance to structures may be made without filing a permit. If you are not sure if a construction permit is needed, please call the Stafford Township Department of Inspections at 609-597-1000 extension 8532 for assistance. The following is a list of the most common maintenance or repairs that do not require a permit:

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

1. Exterior and interior painting
2. Installation, repair or replacement of any interior finishes of less than 25 percent of any wall area in any given room in a one-or two family dwelling. This includes plastering and drywall installation.
3. Vinyl wall covering and wall papering is ordinary maintenance.
4. Paneling shall not be considered ordinary maintenance.
5. The replacement of glass in any window or door, existing window or door including garage doors, in its' original opening. The replacement of bedroom escape windows and doors may be made in the same opening and shall not reduce the required height, width or net clear opening of the previous window or door assembly.
6. The repair or replacement of any non- structural member such as a partition railing, kitchen cabinets and exterior or interior trim.
7. The replacement or installation of any flooring material in one and two family dwellings shall be permitted under ordinary maintenance.
8. The repair of existing roofing material not exceeding 25 percent of the total roof area within any 12 month period.
9. The repair of existing siding with like material not exceeding 25 percent of the total building exterior wall area within any 12 month period.
10. The repair or replacement of any part of a porch or stoop, which does not structurally support a roof above.
11. The installation of any roll or batt insulation when installed adjacent to or not more than one and a half inches from interior finish.
12. Replacement of exterior rainwater gutters and leaders.

Stafford Township Police Department
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Chief Thomas Dellane • 597-1000 ext. 8318



FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF THOMAS DELLANE

One of the primary goals of your police department is to improve the manner in which we communicate with our residents and visitors.

We have established presences on several social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Nixel and a smart phone app called "My PD".

You can find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/StaffordTownshipPoliceDepartment>. Information on our page includes traffic and road construction information, crime information, press releases, community information as well as upcoming events.

In addition to our Face Book page you can download the "My PD" app onto your smart phone. We send out real time info on events as they occur and other helpful information including useful website links.

You can learn more about the police department as well as other useful information on the Stafford Township web page or at www.staffordpolice.org

Our residents are our best source of information. We encourage you to report suspicious persons and activity to police. When you call our dispatch center you can remain anonymous simply by stating to the police dispatcher that you do not want to give your name.

If the information that you want to report is not urgent and does not require an immediate police response you can leave a tip on our website or call our **Crime Tip Line at 609-597-1189, extension 8477**. All information is confidential and you can remain anonymous if you choose to not leave your name and telephone number.

Please remember to call 911 to report a crime in progress or other emergency matters that require immediate police response.

2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017	NEW YEAR'S DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017	PRESIDENT'S DAY
FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017	GOOD FRIDAY
MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017	MEMORIAL DAY
TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2017	INDEPENDENCE DAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017	LABOR DAY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017	COLUMBUS DAY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017	GENERAL ELECTION DAY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017	VETERAN'S DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2017	THANKSGIVING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017	THANKSGIVING FRIDAY
MONDAY , DECEMBER 25, 2017	CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVED

The above schedule does not affect offices that must remain open by statute. This schedule applies to all Township Personnel within the direct control of the Mayor and Township Administrator who are eligible for holiday benefits, with the exception of those covered by collective bargaining agreement containing conflicting provisions.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Holiday Township Closed	2 Zone 1 Trash Collection Zone 1 Recycling Collection Zone 1 Bulk, Metal, Brush Collection	3 Planning Board 7pm Zone 2 Trash Collection Zone 2 Recycling Collection	4 Historic Preservation Commission 7pm Zone 3 Trash Collection Zone 3 Recycling Collection	5 Zone 4 Trash Collection Zone 4 Recycling Collection Court 9am & 1pm	6
7	8 Zone 1 Trash Collection Zone 2 Bulk, Metal, Brush Collection	9 Zone 2 Trash Collection Zone 1 Recycling Collection	10 Zoning Board 7pm Zone 3 Trash Collection Zone 2 Recycling Collection	11 Zone 4 Trash Collection Zone 3 Recycling Collection	12 Court 9am & 1pm	13
14	15 Holiday Township Closed	16 Zone 1 Trash Collection Zone 1 Recycling Collection	17 Planning Board 7pm Zone 2 Trash Collection Zone 2 Recycling Collection	18 Zone 3 Trash Collection Zone 3 Recycling Collection	19 Zone 4 Trash Collection Zone 4 Recycling Collection Court 9am & 1pm	20
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